



# School Funding Interim Commission

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## DRAFT AGENDA

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#### April 4-5, 2016

#### Room 137, State Capitol

Note: Agenda times are approximate. Some agenda items may require more or less time than indicated.

### Monday, April 4

- 8:30      **Call to order, roll call** - Sen. Facey, Chair
- 8:35      **Administrative matters** - Pad McCracken, Commission Staff
- Budget update
  - Agenda review
- 8:45      **Work Session on District Structure and Equity Issues**
1. Review of previously distributed materials; questions -- Pad
  2. Overview of nonlevy revenue -- Pad
  3. Overview of tuition laws, ramifications, options -- Laura Sankey, Commission Staff Attorney
  4. Options for equalizing BASE mills -- Pad
  5. Use of permissive and voted levies -- Rob Miller, LFD Analyst
  6. Public input
- 10:45      **Recess for small group breakout** (Rooms 137 and 102)  
The commission will split into two groups with stakeholders and public encouraged to discuss with commissioners options for addressing district structure and equity issues.
- 11:30      **Reconvene for report back and commission discussion of next steps**
1. What recommendations would the commission like to include in its report?
  2. What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare for May meeting?
- 12:30      **Lunch**

- 1:30      **Work Session on School Facilities**
1.      Review of previously distributed materials; questions -- Pad
  2.      Facility expenditures: analysis by district characteristics, fund, etc -- Rob Miller, LFD
  3.      Possible mechanisms for state support of school facility needs -- Pad
  4.      Options for reliable revenue stream for state support -- TBD
  5.      INTERCAP loan program and options for increasing program utility for school districts -- Pad; TBD, Board of Investments
  6.      Other?
  7.      Public input
- 3:15      **Recess for small group breakout** (Rooms 137 and 102)  
The commission will split into two groups with stakeholders and public encouraged to discuss with commissioners options for addressing school facility funding issues.
- 4:00      **Reconvene for report back and commission discussion of next steps**
1.      What recommendations would the commission like to include in its report?
  2.      What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare for May meeting?
- 5:00      **Recess for day**

**Tuesday, April 5**

- 8:00      **Work Session on Recruitment and Retention**
1.      Review of previously distributed materials; questions -- Pad
  2.      Panel on current statewide efforts: Kirk Miller, School Administrators of Montana; OPI; RISE4MT?
  3.      Options for defining "isolated" district/school and providing targeted support -- Pad
  4.      Options for K-12 health benefits -- TBD
  5.      Other?
  6.      Public input
  7.      Commission discussion/forum
    - a.      What recommendations would the commission like to include in its report?
    - b.      What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare for May meeting?

12:00

**Lunch**

1:00

**Work Session on Special Education and other topics**

1. Review of previously distributed materials; questions -- Pad
2. Proposal from Special Education Cooperative Funding Task Force -- Frank Podobnik, OPI; and members TBD
3. Transition services and programs -- Frank Podobnik, OPI; TBD, DPHHS; Christy Sofianek, Project SEARCH, Bozeman Deaconess Health Services; Dale Lambert, Director of Student Services, Great Falls Public Schools
4. State funding for special education students age 19-21 -- TBD
5. Other?
6. Public input on special education topic
7. Commission discussion/forum
  - a. What recommendations would the commission like to include in its report?
  - b. What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare for May meeting?
8. Current funding and programming for G&T -- Michael Hall, Gifted and Talented Coordinator, OPI
9. Options for increased G&T funding -- TBD
10. Other topics?
11. Public input on G&T or any other topic related to K-12 funding
12. Commission discussion/forum
  - a. What recommendations would the commission like to include in its report?
  - b. What, if any, draft legislation would the commission like staff to prepare for May meeting?

4:00

**Commission discussion of next steps, instructions to staff**

5:00

**Adjourn**

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